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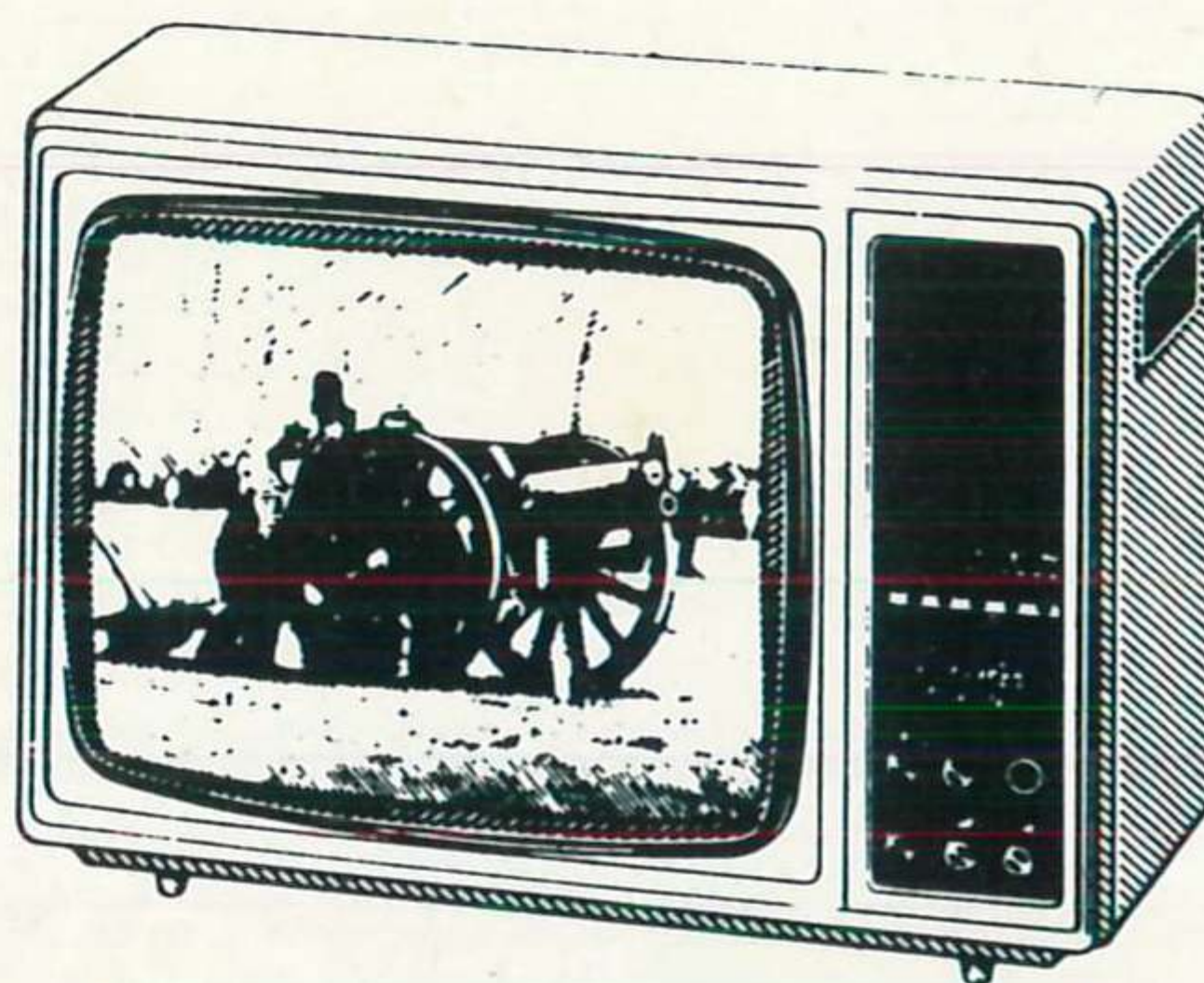
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George Mulhall writes

AFTER our bitterly disappointing defeat at Shrewsbury on Saturday I was pleased this week to reach an agreement with Middlesbrough to take their left back Ian Bailey on a month's loan.

He has played more than 100 games in the First Division for Middlesbrough and missed only three of their 42 League matches last season. So there is no question about his experience and at the moment that is just what we need in the left back position.

I hope he can help solve the problem over that particular department and on the left side of the field in general because he is an attacking full-back who can be very useful when he gets forward.

Although I'm bringing Ian Bailey in, that doesn't mean I am discarding Mike Bennett for good.

It just happens that I believe the pressures on Mike have been too much for one so inexperienced. In the position we are in at the moment, he has needed a break from those pressures, but because of our injury problems he has not had the chance of a rest.

I am sure he will soon be back challenging for his first team place again.

As I said at the outset, Saturday's

defeat at Shrewsbury was a big disappointment to me.

I felt particularly disappointed because Shrewsbury are no great shakes themselves. They are having a rough time of it in the League and before we went to Gay Meadow they hadn't won in seven games.

You could disguise our own deficiencies by saying that, conceding an own goal, missing a penalty and a few more chances besides and then giving away a penalty, we were unlucky. But regardless of the circumstances we've got to beat teams like Shrewsbury if we are to get anywhere.

While we were losing our game at Gay Meadow last week, Orient, today's visitors, were scoring a surprise win at Leicester to lift them off the bottom of the table.

So as we welcome our visitors from London, we can expect them to be in a brighter frame of mind than they were a couple of weeks ago.

It is to be hoped that we are the ones with something to smile about come five o'clock.



Ian Bailey.

FRONT COVER: Chris Thompson and Brian Kidd in action against Watford.

ORIENT



BACK ROW: (Left to right) Peter Moles, Jimmy Hallybone, John Goff, Mark Kane, Grant Sargant, Henry Hughton, Tunji Banjo, Kevin Godfrey, Billy Jennings, Bobby Fisher, Barry Silkman, Robert Waterfall, Tony Mercer.
MIDDLE ROW: Peter Barnes (Secretary), John Margerrison, Mark Blackhall, Ian Moores, Jeff Fielding, Mervyn Day, Lloyd Scott, Kevin Shoemake, Nigel Gray, Tommy Taylor, Tommy Cunningham, Len Cheesewright (Chief Scout).
FRONT ROW: Peter Taylor, Mark McNeil, Jimmy Hallybone, (Youth Team Coach), Ralph Coates (Reserve Team Coach), Ken Knighton (Manager), Frank Clark (Assistant Manager), Bill Songhurst (Physiotherapist), Bill Roffey, Steve Parsons.
SITTING ON GROUND: Jonathan Felton, Clive Bloomfield, Peter Smith, Jamie Mankelow, John Bolle, Andy Sussex, Colin Foster, John Cornwell, Jeff Evers.

UNHAPPY START FOR ORIENT

From: Tony Pullein

It's a long while since Orient made such an unhappy start to a season and, as the O's have struggled to pull themselves clear of the foot of the table, there have been many changes at Brisbane Road. Two managers have departed and there has been a considerable re-shuffle in the team.

The new season started on a sour note for Orient when manager Jimmy Bloomfield left the club following a disagreement over the sale of John Chiedoie to Notts County for £600,000. So, when the new season kicked off, caretaker manager Paul Went was in charge of team affairs.

Orient have for years had to balance their books by selling players developed in their youth team. Chiedoie was one of the finest to come off that particular production line and many consider him an even better player than Lawrie Cunningham, whom Chiedoie succeeded in the Orient side.

The O's also had to start the season without their tough midfielder Steve Parsons who has still not recovered from the broken leg he suffered last February. With former England midfield star Ralph Coates now concentrating upon his job as reserve-team coach, Orient started the campaign with a tiny first-team squad of some 14 experienced players.

Mr. Went was later given the title of team-manager but, following a disagreement with former England stars Stan Bowles and Peter Taylor and continued poor results, he was relieved of his duties after only 21 days.

Ken Knighton, the former Sunderland manager, is now in charge of the team.

Bowles has now been transferred to Brentford for £40,000 and another recent departure was Joe Mayo who moved on to Cambridge for £100,000.

Two new players have been signed — centre-back Tommy Cunningham from Wimbledon for £46,000 and forward Barry Silkman from Q.P.R. for £15,000.

Since Cunningham's arrival, Orient have been playing with three recognised centre-backs — Cunningham, Tommy Taylor and Nigel Gray.

Henry Hughton replaced Bobby Fisher at right-back while Bill Roffey continues on the left with Mervyn Day looking well in command in goal.

John Margerrison and Ian Moores were operating in midfield while the attack has been comprising Kevin Godfrey, Barry Silkman and Peter Taylor.

Billy Jennings has been missing from the attack in recent weeks though youngsters like Jimmy Hallybone and Mark McNeil have been given the occasional run. Apprentice Andy Sussex was also pitched into the side a

couple of weeks ago when he scored in a 3-0 victory over Sheffield Wednesday.

After winning their opening match at Derby (2-1), Orient failed to win any of their next 12 League and Cup games. In one barren spell they failed to score in seven successive Second Division matches.

Away results, after the Derby game, went: Blackburn (0-2), Millwall (2-3 in League Cup), Crystal Palace (0-1), Newcastle (0-1), Watford (0-3), Barnsley (0-1) and Leicester (1-0).

As they only drew their home leg by 1-1, Orient were knocked out of the League Cup in the first round by Third Division Millwall by 3-4 on aggregate.

Orient are one club to experiment with Sunday football, kicking off, at the unusual time of 11.30a.m. Their "derby" games against Q.P.R. and Charlton drew crowds of 8,192 and 8,265 compared with their average of just over three thousand for early-season games.

Whether or not they would have drawn similar support had the games been played on another day is questionable. For their biggest gate of 9,698 turned up for a Monday evening game with Chelsea.

Finance has always been a major consideration for Orient. With big clubs like Arsenal, Spurs and West Ham on their doorstep, they have always had to struggle for support.

They did make one brief appearance in the First Division themselves in 1962. But life at the top was a struggle from the outset. They remained for only one season and they then faced extinction as the debts piled up. The club was kept alive by collections at the ground. The possibility of moving home to Romford was under serious consideration. But somehow they managed to survive in their own headquarters.

They went down into the Third Division in 1966 and it took them four years to gain promotion again. Since then they have existed in Division Two.

MERVYN DAY (Goalkeeper). Mervyn won England youth and under-23 honours during his West Ham days. After making more than 100 first-team appearances for the Hammers he was transferred to Orient for £100,000 in 1979.

HENRY HUGHTON (Defender). Henry came through from the junior ranks and won an immediate first-team place following his promotion in 1978. He remained in the team for two seasons but last term he was out of favour and made only eight full League appearances. He has been back in the right-back spot in recent weeks, though.

TOMMY TAYLOR (Defender). Tommy began his career with Orient, first appearing in their senior side back in 1967/68. He quickly established himself to the point where West Ham invested £78,000 in his transfer in 1970. While at Upton Park Tommy was capped for the England under-23s and in 1979 he returned to Brisbane Road for what was then a club record fee of £70,000.

NIGEL GRAY (Defender). Nigel completed his apprenticeship and made his first appearance in Orient's League team in 1974/75. He has been a fixture in the defence for the past five seasons and last season chalked up his 150th League appearance for the club.

TOMMY CUNNINGHAM (Defender). Tommy joined Orient from Wimbledon for £46,000 a few weeks ago. He began his career with Chelsea but didn't make their League eleven. A transfer to Q.P.R. enabled him to make his League bow in 1976/77 and it was in 1979 that he moved on to Wimbledon for a £45,000 fee.

BILL ROFFEY (Defender). Bill served his apprenticeship

with Crystal Palace and made 24 League appearances for the Selhurst Park club before moving over to Orient in 1973. He has been the Os' regular left-back for much of the time since.

BOBBY FISHER (Defender). Bobby has earned the reputation for being one of the finest attacking full-backs in the Second Division. He developed in the junior sides at Brisbane Road and he is now approaching his 300th League appearance for the club. He first played in their League eleven in 1973/74.

IAN MOORES (Midfield). Last season Ian was Orient's joint-top scorer with nine goals. Ian was capped at England under-23 level when with his first club, Stoke City, and he was transferred to Tottenham for £80,000 in 1977. He made only a couple of dozen senior appearances for Spurs, though, and was happy to make a fresh start with Orient following his £80,000 transfer in 1978. He was top scorer with 14 goals in his first season.

JOHN MARGERRISON (Midfield). John didn't get into Tottenham's League team but he got his chance after joining Fulham in 1975. After completing two full seasons as a first-team regular at Craven Cottage, John was transferred to Orient for £75,000 in 1979.

KEVIN GODFREY (Forward). Kevin is currently enjoying his first real run in the Orient first-team. Though he made his debut in 1977/78 he has generally lived in the shadow of John Chiedoie and it was the latter's transfer to Notts County on the eve of this season that opened the way for Kevin.

BILLY JENNINGS (Forward). Billy has been top, or joint-top, scorer in both seasons since joining Orient from West Ham for £100,000 in 1979, hitting 13 in 1979/80 and nine last season when he shared top place with Moores and Chiedoie. Originally with Watford, he was transferred to West Ham for £110,000 after leading the Hornets' scoring list with 29 goals in 1973/74. He was the Hammers' top marksman with 14 in his first season at Upton Park.

PETER TAYLOR (Forward). Peter was signed from Spurs for £150,000 last season. He first gained attention while with Southend United and in 1973 he was transferred to Crystal Palace for £120,000. While with Palace, he won four England caps and Spurs paid £200,000 for him in 1976.

BARRY SILKMAN (Forward). Barry joined Orient from Q.P.R. for £15,000 earlier this season. Hereford United gave him his break in League soccer in 1974/75 but he was given a free transfer in 1976. Crystal Palace signed him and he made 48 League appearances for the Selhurst club before a £53,000 transfer took him to Plymouth in 1978. Barry achieved his First Division ambitions when Manchester City signed him for £65,000 in 1979 but he made only about a dozen appearances for them. In 1980 he went on loan to Maccabi. Brentford paid £50,000 for him during the summer of 1980 but released him to Q.P.R. for £20,000 a few weeks later.

MARK McNEIL (Forward). Mark developed in the youth team and his progress was rewarded when he was given his League debut against Q.P.R. last month. His first goal, scored nine minutes from time at Leicester last Saturday, gave Orient their second away win.

JIMMY HALLYBONE (Forward). Jimmy came through to make his League bow against Crystal Palace in September.

ANDY SUSSEX (Forward). Andy is still an Orient apprentice but he marked his League debut with a goal in the 3-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday a fortnight ago.

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Club Scene

"PREVIOUS MEETINGS"

by Simon Marland

Today will be the 25th League meeting between the clubs with the Wanderers having won nine and drawn nine of the previous encounters. All of these games have taken place in the 2nd Division with the exception of 1962-63 when both clubs won their away games 1-0 in the 1st Division. Last seasons encounters saw the Wanderers winning 3-1 at Burnden and drawing 2-2 at Brisbane Road in a game that was played on a Sunday morning in which Bolton fought back from being two goals down and ended up with 10 men after Dave Hoggan had been sent off.

Make sure you lend your support to our Youth team on Monday week when they take on Manchester United in the second round of the Lancashire FA Youth Cup. The match kicks off at 7pm.

'A' team goalkeeper Simon Farnworth is the latest Wanderers player to earn recognition at representative level. He has just returned from a training stint with the England Youth squad at the National Sport's Centre at Lillleshall.

Special guest at today's game is local soccer enthusiast Joe Featherstone who celebrated his 100th Birthday on Sunday.

Joe, of Chorley Old Road, Bolton is a lifelong football fan, having played professional as goalkeeper with Bacup, Nelson and Chorley before taking to refereeing in the local amateur leagues.

He officiated in the Bolton Sunday Schools League, the Bolton Combination and the Lancashire Amateur League and is now an honorary life member of the Bolton and District Referees' Society and the Bolton Combination.

Always interested in local soccer, Joe is a keen supporter of Combination side St Thomas's.

Peter Nicholson's testimonial year is now well under way with the first round of fund raising events taking place with a great deal of success.

This week's Sportsman's Evening here at

the Executive Club was a sell-out with Peter West the guest speaker. And next month's promises to be every bit as popular.

The venue will be the Grant's Arms, Ramsbottom on December 7 when the chief guests will be popular Test umpire "Dickie" Bird and that hilarious comedian Ivor Davies.

Tickets at £9.50 each are available from any member of Nicho's Testimonial committee.

WARWICK RIMMER who was 19 years on the playing staff here at Burnden Park is back with the Wanderers — this time lining up on the commercial team.

Warwick has joined the Development staff in a sales capacity and among his duties will be the revival of the immensely popular "Super Whites" nights which were a feature of Wanderers' activities in the late seventies.

Warwick, who has just returned from a two year stint as coach to the Sierra Leone national team, was one of the most popular players to wear the famous Wanderers colours, playing 15 seasons in the club's senior side — 12 of which he was club skipper.

He made 462 League appearances, making his debut in 1960 in the same line-up as Nat Lofthouse and playing his final game in 1974 alongside Paul Jones, Peter Nicholson, Peter Reid and John Ritson.

Looking forward to his new venture, Warwick, who had four years at Crewe after his Wanderers playing days, said: "I haven't had experience of this side of football before, but it's all to do with promotions, and as a player you're always doing that anyway — promoting yourself.

"It's nice to come back to Bolton where I know so many people from my playing days. I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of old friends."

"JUNIOR WHITES NEWS"

Another enthusiastic turnout packed the Executive club for our November meeting, the other week. Whilst watching a film of Bolton's 1958 cup victory huge cheers greeted the winning goals, lets hope we are cheering a Bolton victory today! Len Cantello was a Big hit with the fans, who have made him an early leader in the "Player of the Year" vote.

On SUNDAY 6th December at 3.00pm we shall be holding our Christmas Party with amongst others, stars from the Houghton Weavers attending.

An extra special welcome to today's mascot RICHARD GEE who along with his family are Wanderers fans from Marple in Cheshire. Hope you all enjoy your day.

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'THE DOC'

When Preston North End suffered the ills of relegation last spring, the club's directors decided it was a time for major surgery... so they called in the Doc.

Tommy Docherty, the tubby little Glaswegian whose elegant boast is that he has had "more clubs than Jack Nicklaus" is used to being summoned to sort out the ailments of long suffering patients and if his methods are somewhat unorthodox and even at times sensational, they do achieve results.

Indeed since Tommy first donned the shirt of Celtic way back in 1949, he has been a controversial character, never slow to speak his mind, or do things his own way. At times he can be outrageous, but there is little doubt that the Doc has the knack for making things happen.

Yes the career of Tommy Docherty is perhaps one of the most remarkable in the game. As a player he did not spend long at Celtic, moving south to Preston North End in 1949 and spending the best part of his playing days at Deepdale before transferring on to Arsenal in 1958.

Tommy also won 25 full caps for Scotland before hanging up his boots in 1962 and commencing life as a manager with Chelsea. It was while at Stamford Bridge that the Doc earned his reputation as a strong disciplinarian and his demanding and punishing training routines were the talk of football.

Chelsea became one of the best young sides in the country but just missed out on promotion. The Doc's re-action was to re-build the side.

That decision was the undoing of his Chelsea career and so he moved on to unfashionable Rotherham United. That was in December 1967, and the Yorkshire club suddenly found themselves thrust in the limelight as the media clamoured to cover every move. Big bonuses and heavy expenses were the order of the day, but Tommy signed Dave Watson for nothing and the Millers later sold him for £100,000.

They were sorry when he just upped and walked out to take over Queens Park Rangers in November 1968. Twenty eight days later the Doc walked out again, this time on the London club. The next stop

was Villa Park, then Porto F.C., and a spell as manager of Scotland. Indeed Tommy was doing very well in charge of the national side but the call to Old Trafford was too strong and he resigned to join Manchester United.

At Old Trafford he experienced everything. The side were demoted to the Second Division and then he pulled them right back as Second Division Champions in 1975 and two years later it was further jubilation as Doc danced around Wembley with the FA Cup.

But then Docherty suddenly found himself the centre of a scandal, the peace was shattered and he was on his bike again.

After signing a two year contract with Norwegian club Lillestrom, Derby County stepped in with a good offer. The Doc renounced the irksome contract in Norway to start at the Baseball Ground but further scandals wrecked the partnership and it was back to Queens Park Rangers.

This time the stay was a longer one although he was fired and then re-instated again at the insistence of the players, but within a year Tommy was seeking his fortune down-under with Sydney Olympic where he did very well until Preston gave him a call this summer.

Now the Preston fans are looking for a touch of that old Tommy Docherty magic, that charisma that can lift clubs to higher planes. "That is right," says the Doc, "I only hope I can produce the goods. If I don't I will probably be on my way to my 17th club... that's the way soccer goes."

At Deepdale he won't have money to splash around on recruiting new players but then Tommy has a few thoughts on that anyway!

He says: "It is true I do not have the money to throw around, but talking of throwing it around, when I see what some lunatics today are spending, throwing it around is not the correct description... They are giving it away. And what are they buying? They are buying mediocre players.

"Obviously we are looking for good players, but as cheaply as we can get them. We have to try and get Preston out of the Third Division as quickly as possible."

Once described as a "master of his craft" by the Rotherham chairman Eric Purshouse, Tommy Docherty has become the loveable rogue of English football. There is no doubt that he is the people's choice, a man they look up to as a champion of their cause. He is now back home at Preston where he enjoyed his best days. If he can re-create that success as the manager then Preston are destined for a very eventful future.

JACK THE LAD...

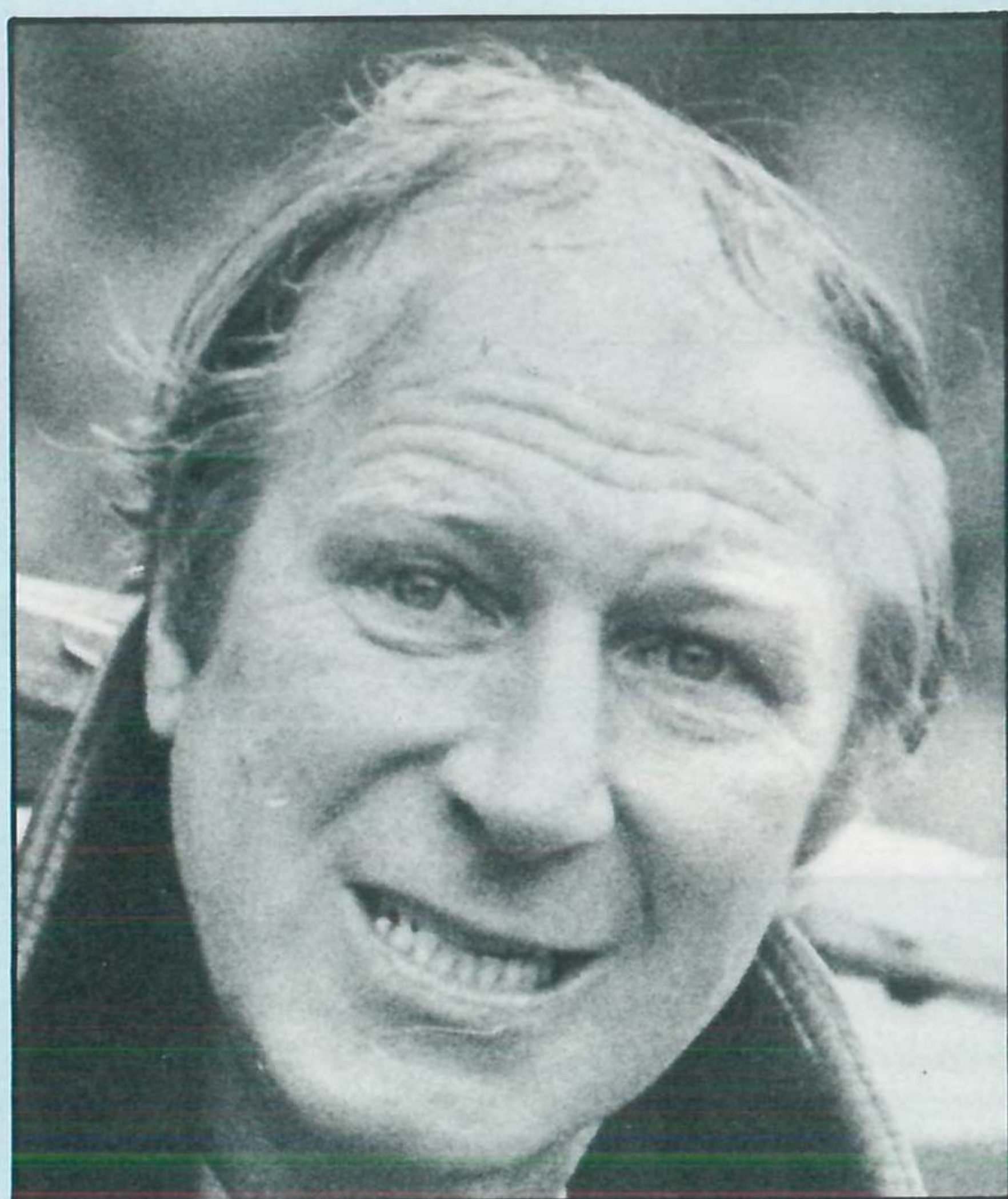
JACK CHARLTON is an impressive figure of a man. But his 6' 1½" frame with that characteristic long neck — that coined him the affectionate nickname of 'the giraffe,' in his playing days with Leeds United and England — is only the visual impression of this remarkable character. What is far more touching and convincing is the inner man.

You see apart from, and even despite all his success, both as a player and now as a manager, Jack Charlton has managed to remain true to himself, true to his background and close to his roots.

There are no airs and graces about this man who epitomises the working class and still identifies closely with them. Untouched by the champagne set, the mistaken ideas of grandeur and importance that are the pitfalls for so many celebrities in the media's constant eye, big Jack has managed to shun the arc lights, the clinking glasses, the hangers on and be himself, the natural boy with a love for nature and the great outdoors.

And when it comes to football his approach is just as basic and down to earth. Jack's love for the game is deep rooted and spontaneous. When he talks his enthusiasm cascades forth with infectious passion and rivoting simplicity. You can not help being held spellbound by his forthright manner which sweeps aside all those meaningless cliches which clutter up the truth. Jack gets right to the point, down to the nitty gritty with the same rugged basic honesty that was the hallmark of his game.

In his heyday as a player Charlton was undoubtedly the best centre-half in the country. He won medals in all the major domestic competitions and of course the coveted World Cup winners gold in 1966. Now he is displaying those same qualities as a manager and is loving every minute with Sheffield Wednesday even though it is not in the top league.



HAD ENOUGH

"I think I am doing the job I want to do at Sheffield Wednesday, because basically I am a coach not a manager," explains Charlton simply. "I like to deal and work with players, that is my scene. The office work! I never do any, except for the deals and transfers, anything to do with the playing side.

"You asked me how I like working in the lower divisions after playing at the top. Well I'll tell you I could not have stayed in the Third Division another year. I had about enough of it and if we had not got out the season before last, I think I would have left Wednesday.

"It is very frustrating you see. The Third Division is very under rated. The lads there are as honest as the day is long, and there are more honest players in that league than in any other division.

"In the Second Division there are a lot of players who will play at home but will not play away. But in the Third Division they will play anywhere. Every game is a hard battle and it is one hell of a division to get out of.

"But it was the atmosphere that made it difficult. When you are down there you can't get players to join you because they do not want to go and play at some of the unglamorous locations in the Third Division and players all have dreams of the big time. At Sheffield we had the trappings of the big time at home, all we needed were the results and the rest is there to take.

"At the moment we are a fairly wealthy club and Sheffield Wednesday must be one of the few clubs in the country who are financially sound and viable at the moment and as the manager I am very conscious of that side of the business. I like to run a tight rein."

RESPECT

Although he won everything as a player, Ashington's senior football son has no set designs on sweeping the board as a manager. Once again the philosophy is practical.

"My ambition is to stay in the game until I decide I have had enough," he reasons rationally. "I saw Cloughie win the European Cup a couple of years ago and I didn't really think that Cloughie thought that much of winning the European Cup . . . it's not that important.

"And I see managers walk out to the Cup Final and think I would like to walk in front of my team at Wembley. But it is just for the day. I can look around now and see managers who have done all these things, sitting at home . . . out of the game . . . sacked!

"So your ambition as a manager can not be to win trophies and then find yourself out of a job.

Your ambition must be to stay in the game and become someone like Alec Stock. Someone who is well respected in football, knows the game inside out and always gets a job. That is my ambition."

Jack Charlton will surely achieve his wish. In fact I would venture so bold as to suggest that he would one day make an ideal England team manager when Ron Greenwood decides to call it a day.

There is a lovely story of Jack coming down to Hillsborough on a match day straight from a mornings shooting on the moors. Feeling rather peckish he asked his friend if he felt like a bite to eat. 'Yes', replied his partner who was then amazed to see the Wednesday boss queue up with the punters to purchase a couple of meat pies at one of the stadium kiosks. This done Jack then marched off to give the team their pre-match briefing . . . That's Jack Charlton.



TERRY CURRAN — seen here in action against Crystal Palace has played an important role in Jack Charlton's team.

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WEEKLY Out every Wednesday

It was a quiet less exuberant Malcolm Allison who breezed into Southampton with his Portuguese league leaders, Sporting Lisbon, for their UEFA Cup Second Round tie at the Dell. The old familiar trappings were still clearly in evidence — the big cigars, bubbling champagne and that magical Allison smile. But the enormous ego, the desire to be outrageous had undoubtedly been blunted.

Allison, now 52, suffered untold mental anguish when he was dismissed as a failure by Manchester City last year. The usual dominant arrogance gave way to uncertainty as his managerial career crumbled beyond credibility in the wake of further disaster at Crystal Palace, and following the sack from Selhurst Park within weeks of joining them, Big Mal slowly dissolved from public life.

To many onlookers it seemed an inevitable climax for a man who had lost control of his own destiny. To others it was a tragic waste of a golden talent. The public image of a champagne swilling extrovert — the playboy of the football world, was never played down, but although Bunny girls and night clubs went hand in hand with the Allison lifestyle, these cosmetic extras overshadowed his real value to the game.

Perhaps circumstances more than anything contributed to Allison's decline. He admits himself that English clubs expect too much from their managers and says: "Football is going through a phase in which managing a football club is now more difficult than it has ever been. Because of the financial state of the game, because of the contracts players are on, because of the players agents . . . because of all the different financial aspects of the game.

"And once you find yourself in disagreement with a player over his financial rewards that is it, you will never get the right response from him. They adopt an attitude of you did not do that for me so why should I bother for

you. It causes bad feeling and that creates tension and tension is contagious.

"If the results do not go well then those same players just abscond from their responsibilities, they couldn't care less — it's just one vicious circle.

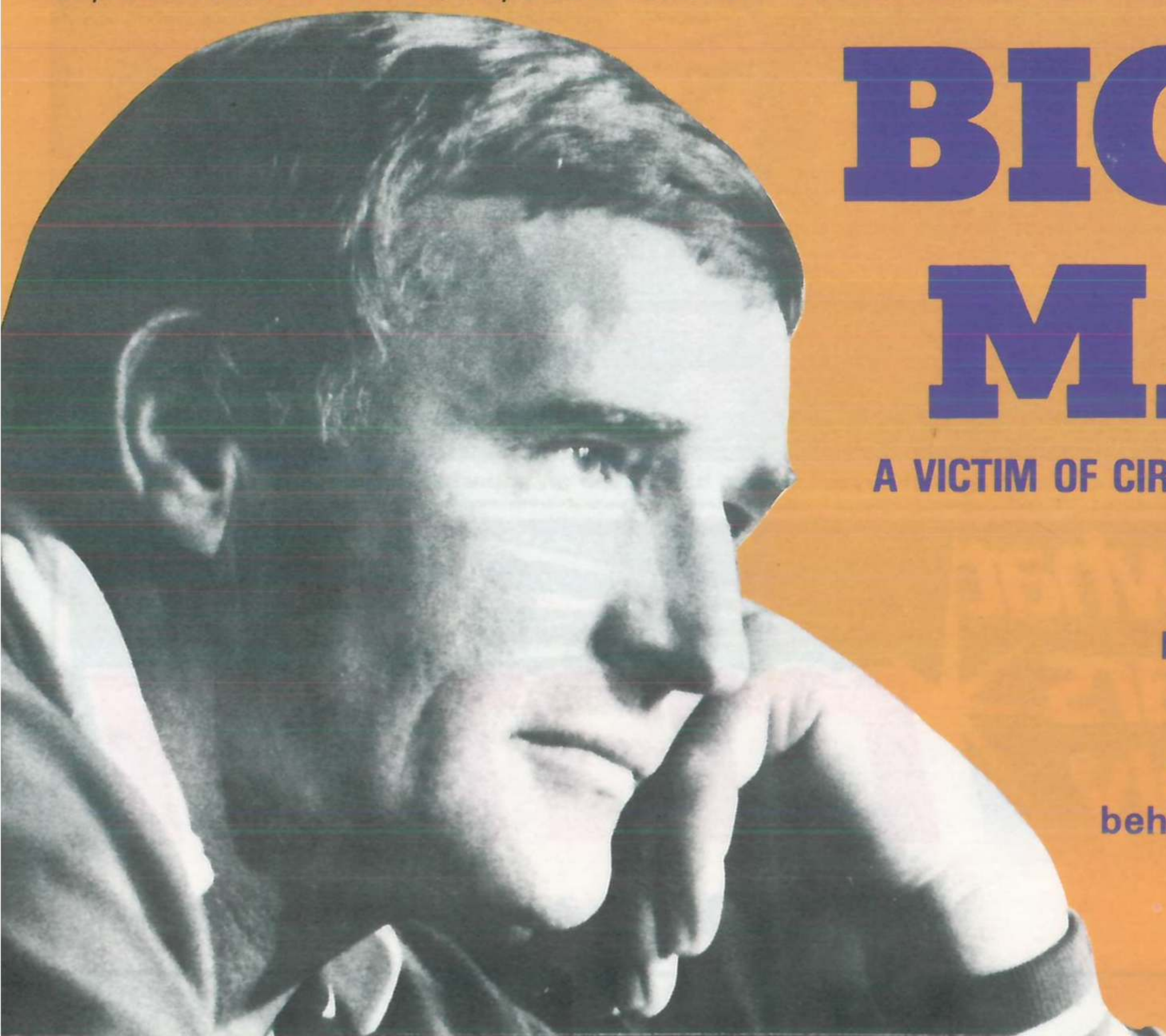
"The answer is to use the continental system where managers are just coaches responsible for playing matters. Release managers from the restrictions of bargaining with players. Leave that to another official of the club so that if a player has a grievance he can not hold it against you, the man expected to get the most out of him on the field.

"This is why we must have paid directors, people who have 40-50 years of knowledge, professionals who can handle wage negotiations. People like Stan Cullis would be a tremendous asset to any club in this role. Let them handle the business side of a club and leave the football managers and coaches free to concentrate on the game."

Big Mal enjoyed his greatest years doing just that in the late sixties with Manchester City. Then he was the tracksuit half of the Mercer-Allison managerial team that took city to the very top. While Joe Mercer handled all the administration work Allison honed the skills of the players into as fine a team as has been seen since the war.

Manchester City won the League Championship, the F.A. Cup, the Football League Cup and the European Cup Winners Cup all in three years. Allison's future seemed assured. Then Mercer got the sack — Malcolm became manager and the empire disintegrated.

He returned to London in 1973 to take over struggling Crystal Palace already doomed from Division One. But Palace continued to career out of control and within a year were in the Third Division. Malcolm revived their fortunes somewhat and took his Third Division side to the semi-final of the F.A. Cup in 1976, when



BIG MAL

A VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES . . .

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interview with
Malcolm Allison,
Colin Benson
discovers some
interesting facts
behind the downfall
of a manager.

Part One

Southampton beat them. Yet more important he had cemented the foundations of a Youth policy which was to produce a whole generation of talented players.

Then he went abroad before returning to Plymouth — where his managerial career had started some 14 years earlier. This time he was labelled “a consultant” but already Malcolm was caught up on the same giddy roundabout he had travelled before. A year later he was back at Maine Road as coach and later promoted to joint manager with Tony Book.

It didn't work this time and Manchester City slumped alarmingly. Dissension filled the air, the corridors of power were filled with stories of disenchanted players who were confused beyond belief by the Allison method.

Today Malcolm insists he wasn't wrong: “I have not changed my thinking,” he says with confidence. “I know what's good for the game, I know what's good in the game. The difficulty is getting people to believe that what you are doing is correct.

“And when you are building a side like I was at Manchester City you have difficulties if they lose matches to get them to still believe in the system. The young players will believe in it, the objections and

PAUL POWER — one of Manchester City's experienced pro's.



obstructions come from the old players.

“They had been brainwashed into a way of playing which had brought them reasonable success, but it was what I called ‘near success’ which in fact is failure. But they were satisfied with near success and were not prepared to go on and work harder and advance their game.”

Player power! You could call it that for there is obviously something lacking in professionals who are not prepared to open their minds to fresh ideas.

A broad smile filled Allison's face . . . there was a thoughtful pause before he continued: “It is not easy to get to the top. What we don't do is make enough progress once a player reaches a certain standard. We sit back and feel contented instead of developing him further and so many of our good players never reach their full potential, they are not helped to do so by their clubs.

“They are left to improve themselves, it is down to their own dedication and their own work and that is wrong. This highlights one of the problems in the English game. There are not enough good young teachers around.

“People are knocking the game because of our failure in international football. The situation has arisen because we have not developed our players correctly, they have been brought up to accept low standards.

“It is a thing now amongst young players that they will just do what the coach or the manager tells them to do, they will complete the set work in training, no more no less, then go home. Where is their dedication to their craft, the desire to improve their skills and do extra work by themselves? It is missing and that is sad.

“A coach can not do everything but they would always accommodate players if they came and asked for help to do this or that . . . the trouble is the youngsters can't be bothered.

“Funnily enough I was talking to Stan Cullis the other day and he was discussing Jimmy Hogan who is with me in Portugal. Stan said: ‘You know Malcolm, he was the most brilliant guy I ever saw from throw-ins.’ And that was right, Jimmy Hogan was because he used to work for hours on them developing little tricks. He would get a fellow to throw the ball to a specific space and then do this and that until it worked. Then he would practice it more, developing and improving his own box of tricks.

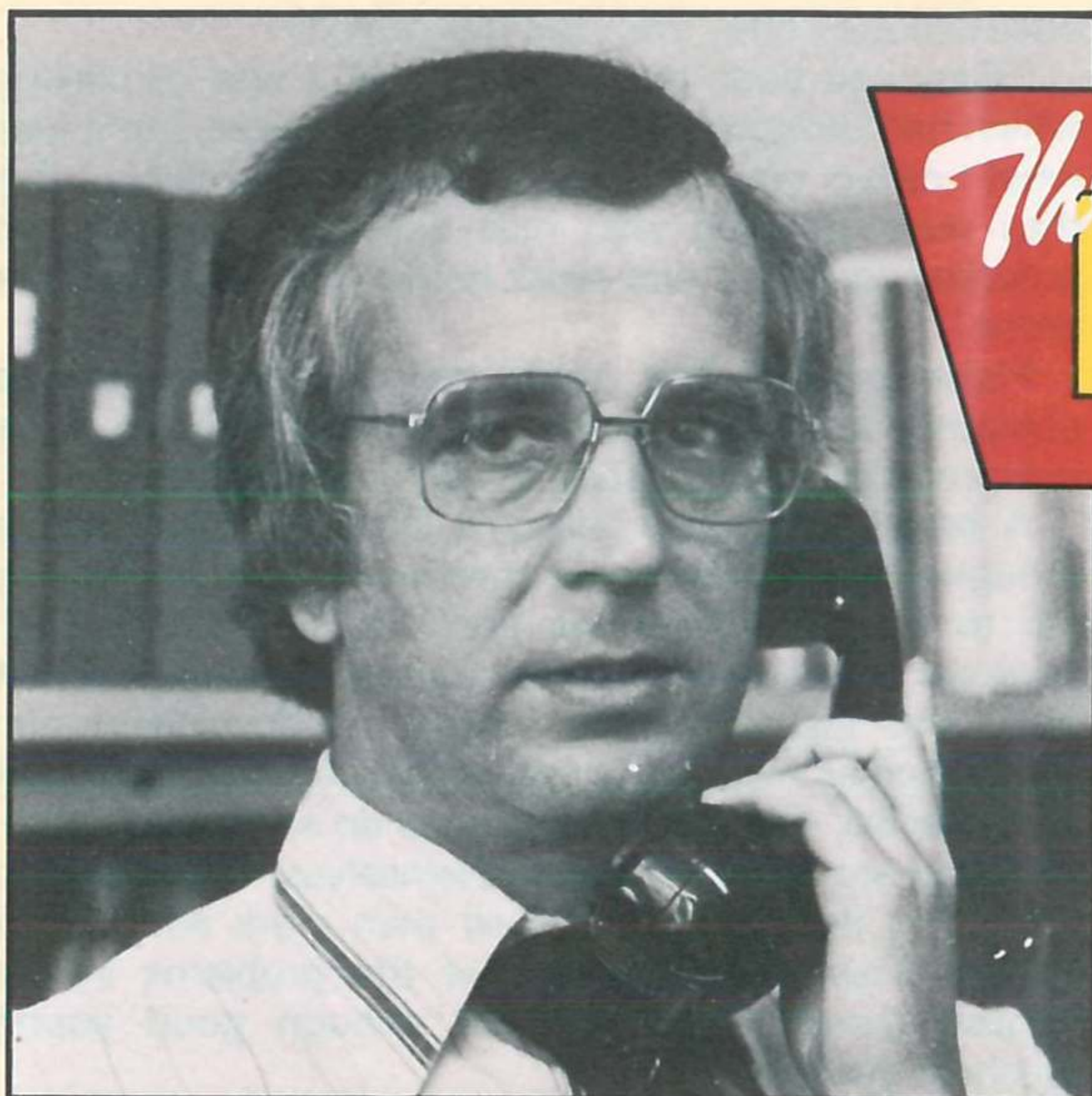
“You try working with a player today on throw-ins. He will do it two or three times and get it okay and that will be that, he will be quite happy, he won't even think of trying to develop it further or practice it. And that is not good enough.

“Really and truly the great coaches and the great footballers are people who can improvise. Once you are stopped doing one thing you improvise another way, and if that does not work so you improvise yet another way.

“It is a build-up and it is all down to educating the individual player and making him realise that he must work at his own game, improve his skill, his technique and his ability to improvise.”

There is a sensitive man beneath the flamboyant Allison exterior. A creative industrious man who is prepared to give something to the game. A man who commits himself body and soul to the sport he loves, a man of courage and determination. Perhaps if some of his players had put in half the effort he might still be in English football today.

In our next issue Malcolm Allison talks about Portuguese football, and his longing ambition.



The PAUL PARISH page

TAKING THE "T" OUT OF TV

CHANCES are that armchair football fans won't be seeing Coventry City on their television screens this season. It's a situation that has a certain irony . . . as well as being a disappointment.

Coventry are nothing if not innovative, and their bubbling supremo Jimmy Hill is forever examining ways and means of projecting their image and prestige. Wearing his other hat, as presenter of BBC tv's Match of the Day, it must be a trifle irksome that one of Coventry's master-strokes has fallen foul of the television regulation on advertising.

The tie-up with locally based car manufacturers Talbot has seen Coventry switch their team colours in the most clever, but perhaps not subtle enough, manner.

The famous sky-blue strip now incorporates the Talbot Company's 'T' symbol. There's a broad band across the chest, and a vertical band running down the front of the shirt and shorts. The colours were registered with, and accepted by, the Football League.

But the TV authorities argued that the strip completely contravened their block on shirt advertising.

I must confess I found it rather baffling when one television news magazine programme took their cameras to Highfield Road to investigate another of Coventry's 1981 innovations — the all-seater stadium. During the course of their filming they showed action from the floodlight match with Liverpool, with Coventry players wearing their 'T' symbol strip!

However, the television mission that night was to examine first reaction to the all-seater arrangement at Coventry. There was the inevitable inquest, particularly with visiting supporters who were being asked to pay more for their seats.

Coventry's plan to provide total seating has been a success on all counts. Most of the fans who were interviewed thought that though the cost was a little high they did watch the game in comfort and safety.

The safety aspect is particularly important. At the time of writing crowd problems at Coventry this season had been few, apart from a few mindless Leeds followers. The theory that all-seater stadiums would prevent rowdiness and hooliganism seems to have been proved, even though these are early days.

The increased cost of watching football at Coventry has quite obviously affected crowd figures . . . but not by the dramatic amount forecasted by the doom-mongers throughout the game.

The drop is a matter of a few per cent — while gate receipts have increased by something approaching 40 per cent. For a First Division club never blessed with the highest attendance figures that must be particularly encouraging news.

Coventry's emergence from the lower divisions to a now established place in Division One is one of the unsung successes of the last 15 years. Maybe their rise hasn't been so strikingly memorable as Swansea this season, but under the guidance of Jimmy Hill and his board Coventry have given themselves the kind of stability that many other clubs have envied.

They have never been able to spend large sums in the transfer market, preferring to encourage youth themselves, and any money they have received hasn't always gone towards purchasing new players.

It is always a problem facing football clubs. What is the best way to spend their money. Some like Chelsea and Sheffield United have magnificent new grandstands, but because of playing difficulties sometimes have problems filling them. Others have invested heavily in playing assets to ensure that those who come to watch will see their side do well . . . even if they can't watch in comfort.

Coventry have chosen a careful middle course. Their ground is now the envy of many and their football is, by tradition, attractive if not completely successful.

The Sky Blues have, as yet, to win one of the games major honours and were bitterly disappointed last season when they went out of the Football League Cup at the semi-final stage.

This season Coventry have been as unpredictable as ever. Their attacking methods will always earn them goals and just as likely mean that they will concede them.

After one recent high scoring game Dave Sexton grinned and said: "It's good entertainment. At least we're entering into the spirit of it all."

You won't find a Coventry team deliberately settling for a draw. "We try to win away," says Sexton, "But if you get a point away from home you must always be pleased."

It's a philosophy that has earned them some handsome victories and some shuddering defeats.

Sexton, like the seating and Talbot strip, is a newcomer to Highfield Road this season. It has been a year of change.



TV news camera's covered this game against Manchester United!

And at Coventry there always will be changes while Jimmy Hill is at the helm. He was chairman of the PFA when the maximum wage was abolished. As manager he took Coventry into the First Division where they have stayed ever since.

It was Hill who took the fight to the hooligans by installing the seats at Highfield Road. He wasn't even deterred when those few Leeds supporters ran riot earlier this season. He was quoted as saying: "We still feel that it's absolutely right to have converted to an all-seater stadium.

"We knew that having set our face against those who want to wage war on the game, that sooner or later some of them would be out to damage us.

"But rest assured we will not be defeated in our bid to get football back to what it used to be before it became society's battle ground.

"We must not be defeated, because if we fail the game itself will fail.

"We have no place in the future for fly-by-night so-called fans. That's not to say that visiting supporters aren't welcome, but they must book in advance through the various agencies we employ and we must know who they are. We no longer want the anonymous yobbo.

"We'd rather have a half-empty stadium where it's safe and pleasant for families and children to come and enjoy the game than bulging terraces where people can get hurt."

They are brave words in a soccer world where everybody is crying that they have no money. But Jimmy Hill has never been afraid to speak and act for the benefit of football.

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Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	3-0	1-1
Aston Villa	1-0	1-0
Blackpool	1-2	0-2
Burnley	1-1	0-2
Charlton	3-0	3-4
Chelsea	1-0	0-4
Derby	3-0	2-2
Everton	2-0	1-1
Fulham	0-1	1-0
Huddersfield	4-0	4-0
Liverpool	2-1	3-3
Manchester United	1-0	3-2
Middlesbrough	0-2	1-1
Newcastle	0-2	1-0
Portsmouth	4-0	1-2
Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	4-3
Stoke	1-1	1-2
Sunderland	1-2	2-1
Tottenham	1-4	2-4
W.B.A.	0-2	1-0
Wolves	2-1	1-7

FOOTBALL LEAGUE appearances:

Hall J.	35	Banks R.	11
Banks T.	3	Barrass M. W.	38
Beards A.	1	Bell E.	1
Bradley J.	1	Codd R.W.	9
Corfield E.	2	Dillions V.	1
Edwards G. B.	30	Gillies M.M.	14
Hanson S.	42	Hernon J.	4
Howe D.	42	Hughes W.	31
Kennedy G. M.	17	Langton R.	40
Lofthouse N.	38	McShane H.	5
Matthewson R.	1	Moir W.	41
Murphy D.	9	Roberts J. H.	2
Webster H.	31	Wheeler J. E.	13

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3— York (h)	2-0
Rd. 4— Newcastle (a)	2-3

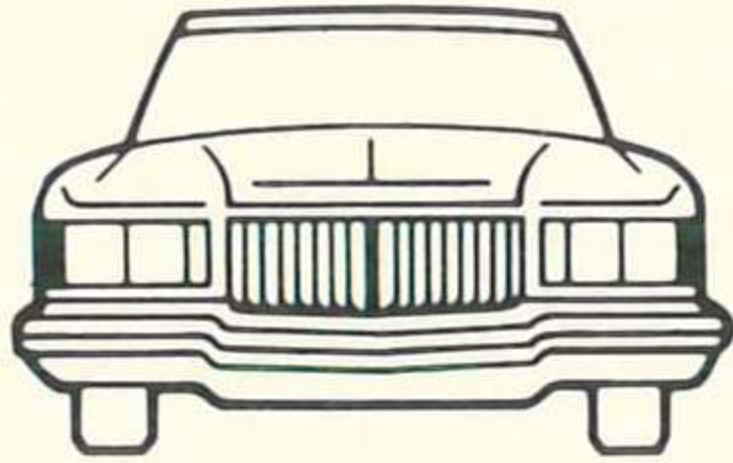
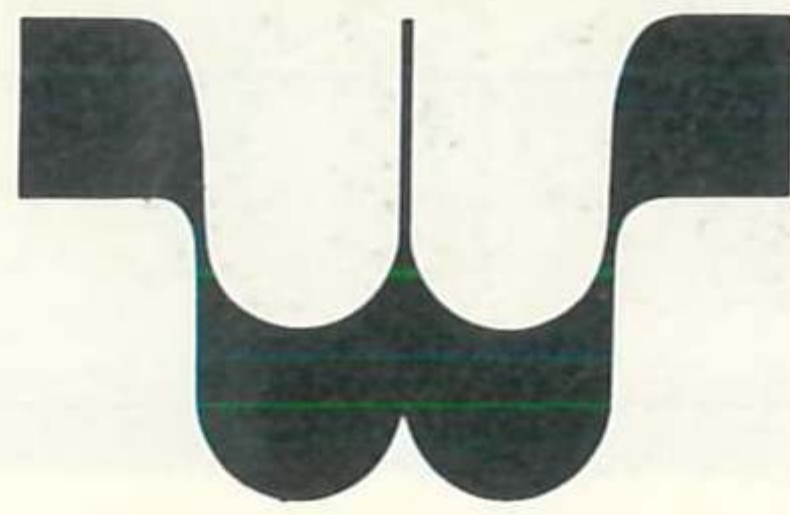
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Lofthouse	21	Webster	15
Moir	12	Langton	6
Howe	4	Codd	2
Hughes	1	Wheeler	1
Opponents	2		

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	42	25	10	7	82	44	60
Manchester Utd.	42	24	8	10	74	40	56
Blackpool	42	20	10	12	79	53	50
Newcastle United	42	18	13	11	62	53	49
Arsenal	42	19	9	14	73	56	47
Middlesbrough	42	18	11	13	76	65	47
Portsmouth	42	16	15	11	71	68	47
Bolton Wanderers	42	19	7	16	64	61	45
Liverpool	42	16	11	15	53	59	43
Burnley	42	14	14	14	48	43	42
Derby County	42	16	8	18	81	75	40
Sunderland	42	12	16	14	63	73	40
Stoke City	42	13	14	15	50	59	40
Wolverhampton W.	42	15	8	19	74	61	38
Aston Villa	42	12	13	17	66	68	37
W.B.A.	42	13	11	18	53	61	37
Charlton Athletic	42	14	9	19	63	80	37
Fulham	42	13	11	18	52	68	37
Huddersfield	42	15	6	21	64	92	36
Chelsea	42	12	8	22	53	65	32
Sheffield Wed.	42	12	8	22	64	83	32
Everton	42	12	8	22	48	86	32

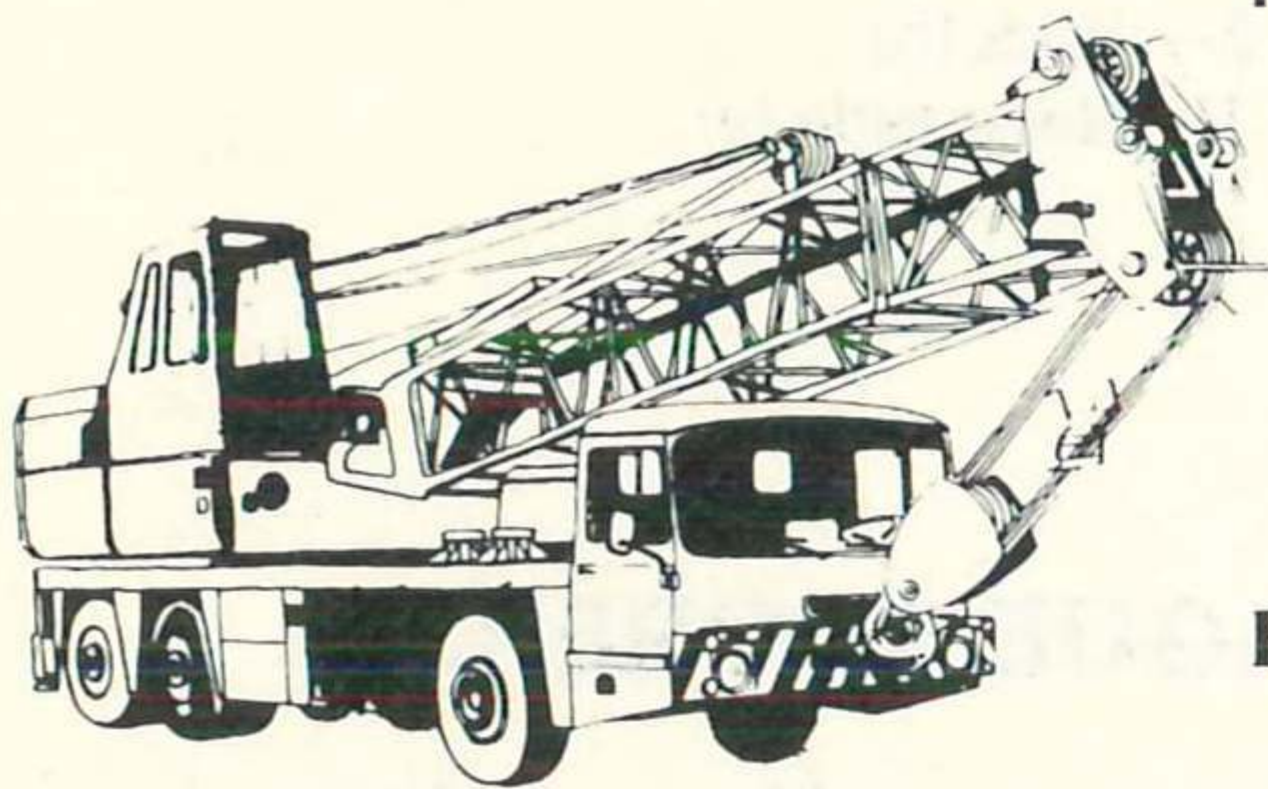
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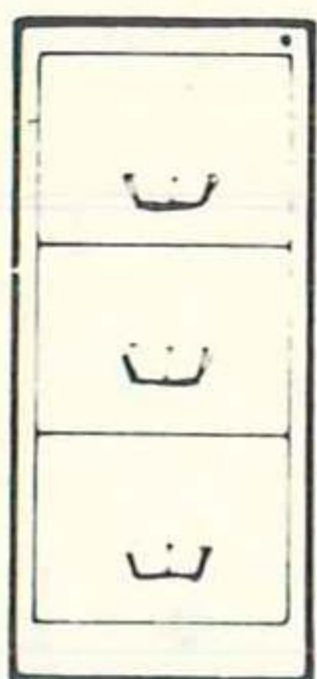
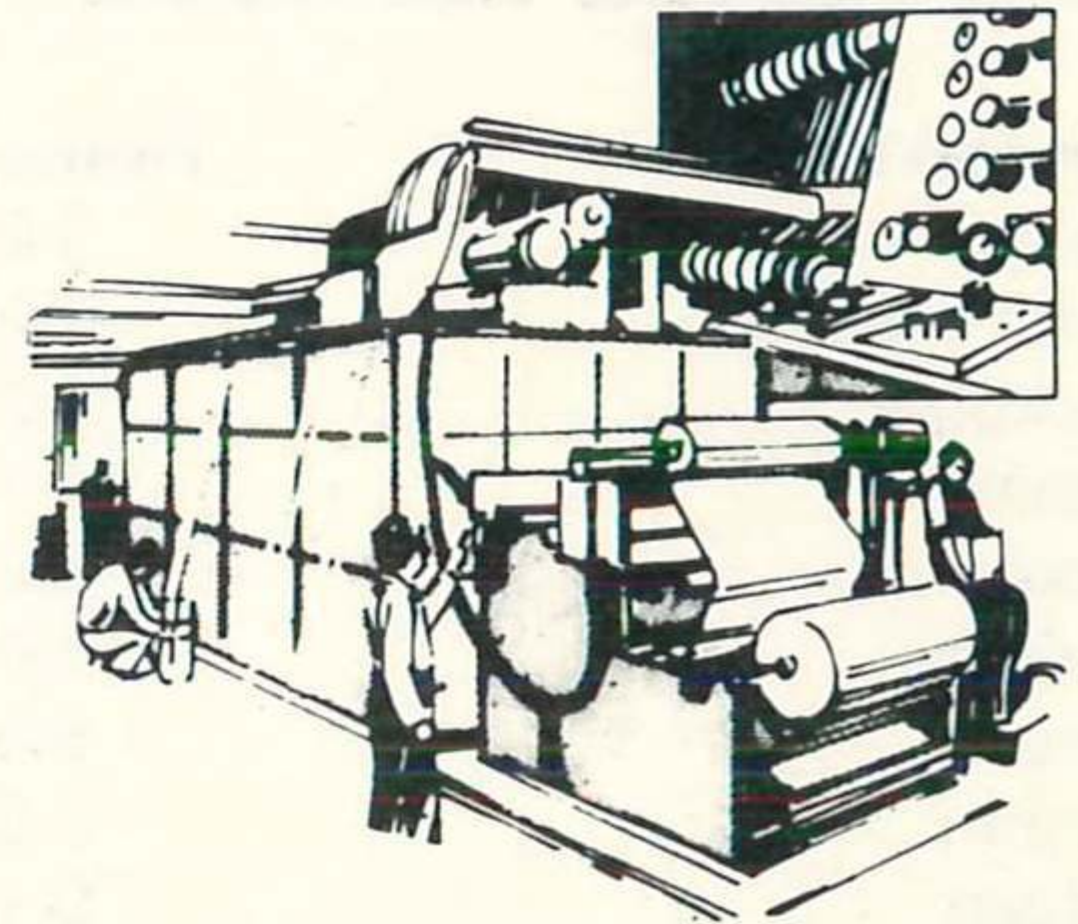
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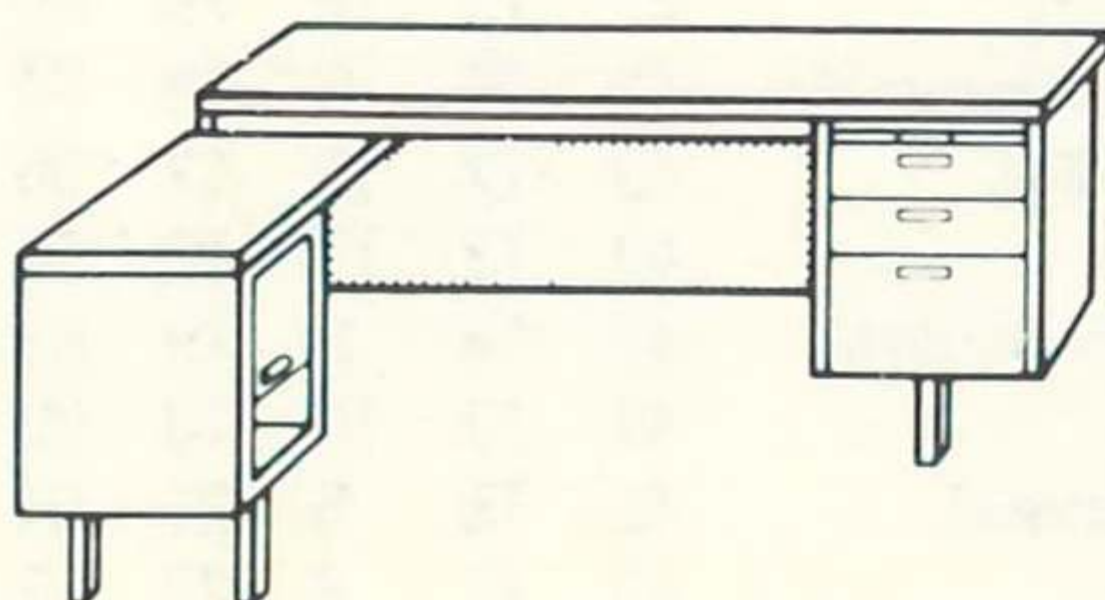
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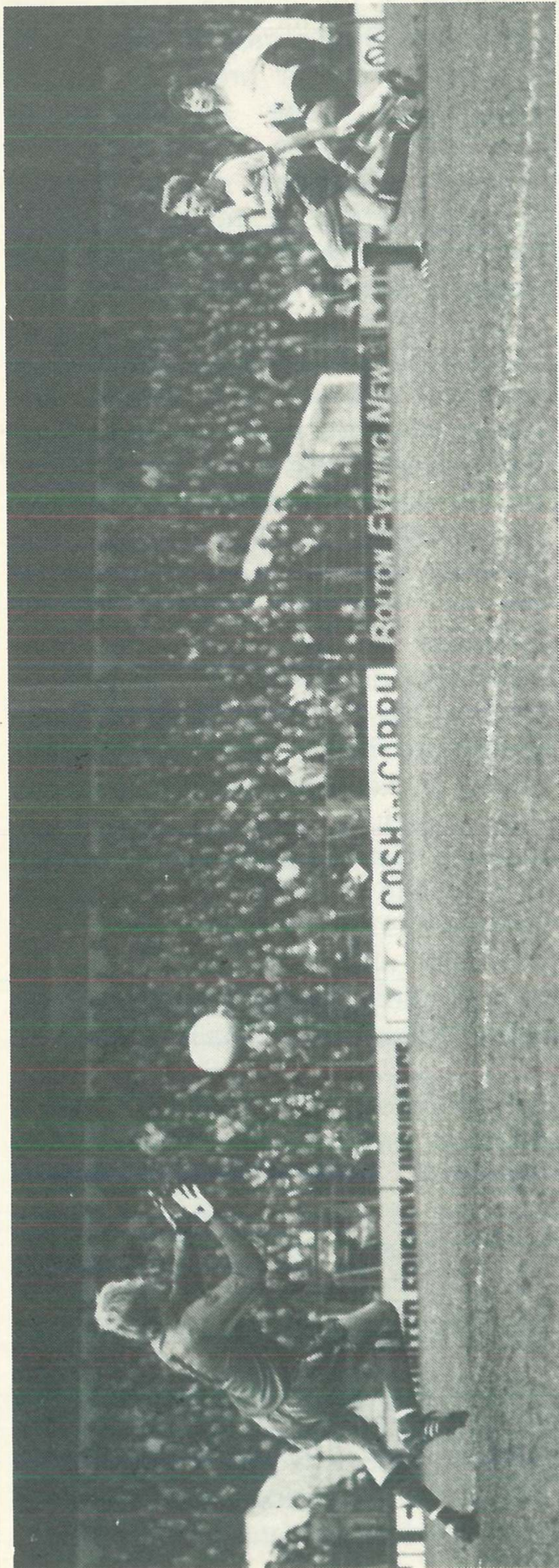
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Burnden Park NEWS



By Martin Tyler

One of the questions a football commentator is often asked is "How do you cope with all those foreign names?" There are problems I must admit. The recent visit of AZ 67 Alkmaar to Liverpool in the European Cup reminded me that some Dutch pronunciation is not much different to clearing your throat, and the correct way to say certain Brazilian names like Leao and Tostao would be easier if you could hold your nose at the same time!

Yet in the past few weeks, I have had a number of letters about seemingly straightforward English names. The Blackburn Rovers striker John Lowey is a case in point. "It's Lowey like David Bowie" says John, meaning the "low" part is pronounced as in allow and not as in Lowestoft. So I followed John's wishes in a recent

commentary at Ewood Park even though everyone at the club uses the other pronunciation.

Earlier in the season a pre-match chat with Bury's captain Joe Jakub revealed a similar problem. Around Gigg Lane, Joe is known as "Jackub", but he told me that his family-in Scotland from Eastern European origin — more commonly say the name as Jacob. So again I was happy to oblige.

One other name which had to be checked at the start of the season was Liverpool's Bruce Grobbelaar, and Bruce and Manchester United's Gary Bailey were studio guests for Kick-Off on the eve of the meeting of the two clubs at Anfield in October. Yet it was the interview that nearly didn't get on the air; not just because of the technical problem which you may remember disrupted our first attempt to show the recording. Both Gary and Bruce are highly fashion conscious young goalkeepers, but unfortunately their carefully selected choice of clothing that day did not show up well through the cameras' lenses. Granada Television's choice of alternatives was not quite up-to-date enough for the two of them, and there was a long delay before Gary finally agreed to wear a jacket that had clearly been woven before 1981! Maybe he had a point to prove to his manager Ron Atkinson — himself a dedicated follower of fashion. Before United's home game with Birmingham, Atkinson had taken a special guest into the home dressing room. "If you really want to look smart, you've got a long way to go before you match this fella," was the message to his players. Who was that "model"? No prizes for guessing. Birmingham's own trendsetter Frank Worthington!



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1981/82	Opponents	Att.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	Chelsea	16,606	0	2	McDonagh	Nicholson	Brennan	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Thompson	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Nikolic
Sept	LC1 (1L) Oldham	5,156	2	1	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd ¹	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
	Luton Town	6,911	1	2	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling ¹	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
	Barnsley	13,844	0	3	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
	LC1 (2L) Oldham	4,779	2	4	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	Brennan	Jones	Gowling	Nikolic	Kidd	Hoggan	Thompson ¹	Carter	Berry ¹
	Oldham Athletic	7,222	0	2	McDonagh	Henry	Bennett	Brennan	Jones	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Carter	Nicholson
	Derby County	12,066	2	0	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney ¹	Gowling	Thompson ¹	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Carter
	Rotherham United	6,998	0	2	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Foster
	Newcastle United	6,429	1	0	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson ¹	Carter	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Foster
Oct.	Grimmsby Town	7,217	1	2	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Hebbard	Thomas ¹
	Leicester City	7,361	0	3	McDonagh	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney ¹	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Thompson	Cantello	Hebbard	Thomas
	Cardiff City	3,879	1	2	McDonagh	Bennett	Brennan	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Thompson	Cantello	Hebbard	Hoggan
	Cambridge United	5,751	3	4	McDonagh	Whitworth	Brennan [†]	Henry ²	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd ¹	Thomas	Hoggan	Bennett	Foster
	Norwich City	12,991	0	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Thompson	Thomas
Nov	Watford	7,066	2	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry ¹	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Thompson ¹	Foster
	Shrewsbury Town	4,062	0	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd [†]	Hoggan	Cantello	Thompson	Carter
	Orient															
	Luton Town															
	Crystal Palace															
Dec	Queens Park Rangers															
	Sheffield Wednesday															
	Charlton Athletic															
	Wrexham															
	Blackburn Rovers															
Jan	F.A. Cup 3															
	Newcastle United															
	Chelsea															
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Feb	Barnsley															
	Grimbsy Town (5)															
	Rotherham United															
	Leicester City															
Mar	Cardiff City (6)															
	Cambridge United (LCF)															
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April	Shrewsbury Town (SF)															
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Luton Town	14	5	0	2	19	9	14	6	1	0	13	4	34
Watford	14	4	2	1	11	4	14	5	0	2	10	8	29
Queens Park Rangers	14	5	1	1	12	3	14	3	1	3	11	11	26
Barnsley	14	6	0	1	13	2	14	2	1	4	10	12	25
Oldham Athletic	14	4	3	0	12	5	14	3	1	3	10	11	25
Sheffield Wednesday	14	4	1	2	9	9	14	3	1	3	5	7	23
Cambridge United	14	5	0	2	12	6	14	2	0	5	8	12	21
Blackburn Rovers	14	3	1	3	5	5	14	3	2	2	9	9	21
Leicester City	14	2	3	2	5	5	14	3	2	2	13	9	20
Chelsea	14	4	1	2	12	9	14	2	1	4	5	11	20
Norwich City	14	4	2	1	9	6	14	2	0	5	7	15	20
Newcastle United	14	5	1	1	12	3	14	1	0	6	7	12	19
Charlton Athletic	14	5	0	2	14	8	14	0	3	4	5	14	18
Derby County	14	3	2	2	11	9	14	2	1	4	8	14	18
Shrewsbury Town	14	4	1	2	11	7	14	1	2	4	4	12	18
Cardiff City	14	3	1	3	9	13	14	2	2	3	8	9	18
Crystal Palace	13	4	0	3	9	6	13	1	1	4	2	5	16
Rotherham United	14	4	1	2	17	8	14	0	2	5	4	13	15
Grimsby Town	13	1	2	3	7	9	13	3	1	3	7	13	15
Orient	14	1	3	3	6	9	14	2	0	5	3	9	12
Wrexham	14	2	0	5	6	10	14	1	2	4	6	8	11
Bolton Wanderers	14	2	0	5	8	13	14	1	1	5	3	11	10

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	1981-82		F	A
Aug. Sept.	29	1	0	4
	1	5	0	6
	8	8	1	6
	12	19	0	3
	19	26	1	1
	26	3	1	4
	3	9	1	4
	9	17	1	3
	17	24	1	2
	24	31	2	1
	31	7	1	1
	7	10	3	1
	10	14	3	4
	14	17		
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	21	24		
	24	28		
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	24	27		
	27	1		
	1	5		
	5	8		
	8	15		
	15	22		

TODAYS REFEREE

TYSON, GEORGE M.(Sunderland). Commenced refereeing in 1965 and graduated to the Football League list via the Wearside Combination, Wearside League and Northern League. Refereed Northern League Cup Final 1976/77 and was Senior Linesman at an Under-21 European Nations Cup match and Scotland v. Peru International 1979. He is Chairman of the Sunderland Referees' Society.

A married man, with two children, he is a Chief Building Services Officer. Likes gardening and squash.



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Red Flag
T. S. Berry (Ormskirk)
Yellow Flag

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Team Check

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Ian Bailey
- 4 Tony Henry
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Alan Gowling
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Brian Kidd
- 9 Dave Hoggan
- 10 Len Cantello
- 11 Chris Thompson
- 12 Mike Carter

Orient

- 1 Mervyn Day
- 2 Henry Hughton
- 3 Bobby Fisher
- 4 Tommy Taylor
- 5 Nigel Gray
- 6 Andy Sussex
- 7 Kevin Godfrey
- 8 Barry Silkman
- 9 Peter Taylor
- 10 John Margerrison
- 11 Mark McNeil
- 12

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	BIRMINGHAM CITY WOLVERHAMPTON W.		
B	BRIGHTON & HOVE A. NOTTS COUNTY		
C	EVERTON SUNDERLAND		
D	MANCHESTER CITY SWANSEA CITY		
E	MIDDLESBROUGH ASTON VILLA		
F	NOTTINGHAM FOREST ARSENAL		
G	SOUTHAMPTON LEEDS UNITED		
H	STOKE CITY IPSWICH TOWN		
I	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR MANCHESTER UNITED		
J	WEST BROMWICH A. LIVERPOOL		
K	WEST HAM UNITED COVENTRY CITY		
L	BARNLEY WREXHAM		
M	CAMBRIDGE UNITED SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		
N	CARDIFF CITY LEICESTER CITY		
O	CHELSEA GRIMSBY TOWN		
P	NEWCASTLE UNITED LUTON TOWN		
Q	NORWICH CITY DERBY COUNTY		
R	OLDHAM ATHLETIC CRYSTAL PALACE		
S	ROTHERHAM UNITED CHARLTON ATHLETIC		
T	SHREWSBURY TOWN QUEENS PARK RANGERS		
U	WATFORD BLACKBURN ROVERS		
V	SHEFFIELD UNITED ALTRINCHAM		
W	TRANMERE ROVERS BURY		
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